



# Welcome to Third Grade!



*“No matter the **color**, **shape**, or **size**,  
we are all working together to  
thrive.”*





Welcome to the 2021 - 2022 school year, where in my class we all work together to create the big picture! I have an exciting year ahead that will be filled with a lot to explore, experience, and learn! I hope to be a guide and mentor to your child this year as they embark on a learning journey filled with excitement, challenges, and many learning opportunities.

One reason that I enjoy teaching third grade is that the students develop and grow tremendously over the course of one year. It is wonderful to watch them as they expand their knowledge and learn new things! As your child continues to grow and learn this year, I hope that you will view me as someone you can count on to care for your child and their academic progress. I believe that children learn best when the teacher and parents work together to achieve the same goals with a child. I love to have open communication with families since the students are our top priority. This year, you can be certain that I will work diligently to help them in any way possible. With that in mind, please feel free to contact me at any point if you have questions or concerns about something happening in the classroom or with your child specifically.

Thank you,

Ms. Murphy





## **Class Rotations**

This year in third grade, your child will have three teachers. Ms. Murphy will be teaching Reading. Mrs. McGhee will be teaching Mathematics. Miss Welmaker will be teaching Science and Social Studies.

## **Class Rules and Expectations**

1. Students must be respectful at ALL times.
2. Students must keep ALL of their personal belongings (i.e. hands, feet, and other items) to themselves.
3. Students must raise their hand for permission to speak and to get up from their seat.
4. Students must follow ALL directions when they are given.
5. Students must come to class EVERYDAY with all necessary materials to learn.

## **Homework Policy**

Homework is an extension to the instruction that your child received during the school day. I am asking that your child completes their homework when it is assigned. If your child does not complete their homework, it will negatively impact their grades.

## **Behavior/Conduct Policy**

I use a positive behavior plan in the classroom. In the event that I have to provide consequences, I will use the following steps:

1. Verbal warning
2. Silent lunch/ walk at recess (5minutes)
3. Walk at recess (entire time)
4. Call to parent and time out in another classroom
5. Parent Conference
6. Office referral





## **Tardy Policy**

Breakfast starts promptly at 7:45 a.m. each day. Students will be marked tardy if they arrive after 8:15 a.m. The instructional day is from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

## **Money**

If you send money for any reason, please put it in a Ziploc bag and put your child's name on it and the purpose of the money.

## **Communication**

I use Class DoJo as my way of communicating with parents. I will send home the information for you to connect to me using Class DoJo. Please be sure to complete this process as soon as possible. If there is any change in your child's transportation, please remember that I must have a note in writing. I cannot accept phone calls, text messages, or messages in Class Dojo as proof of this change.

If you need me at any time, my e-mail addresses is [murphbe@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:murphbe@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us) . You can also contact me at 706-771-2881 and leave a message or through Class DoJo.

